



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Women's History Month

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025



THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT JR.

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN NO. 647

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIPSIS. TONRETHA HARRIS

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice, to you, O Lord, I will sing. (Psalm 98:1,4)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....Lord I Lift Your Name On High.....SIS. TONRETHA HARRIS

Lord I lift your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you are in my life I'm so glad you came to save us.
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You came from heaven to earth, to show the way From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky Lord I lift your name on high.

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The INVOCATION.....SIS. ANGELIQUE WHITE

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....1 Corinthians 10: 1-6SIS. JOURNEY WHITE

Leader: ¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

People: ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....1 Corinthians 10: 1-6

Leader: ³ and all ate the same spiritual food,

People: ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them,
and the rock was Christ.

Leader: ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in
the wilderness.

All: ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....IN THE TUNE OF AME HYMN #258

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE.....SIS. JOURNEY WHITE

*Hear what Christ our Savior said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your
neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets".*

THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMN #627

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION.....KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE MESSAGE.....SIS. NYLA PETTWAY

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING DEUTERONOMY 16:17

¹⁷ Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE BENEDICTION



****Visitors may register their attendance online on the
Big Bethel Guest Registration Form. Thank You for
worshipping with us and feel free to come again!!**





Nyla M. Pettway

Nyla M. Pettway, the daughter of Cornelius Pettway and Brandii Harris, and the granddaughter of Edward and Felicia Jones, Henderson Pettway, Sheldon Harris, and the late Pamela Harris, has been a dedicated and accomplished young woman from an early age. She began dancing at just three years old and started cheerleading by the age of four, demonstrating her passion for movement and performance.

Academically, she has consistently excelled, maintaining a place on the Principal's Honor Roll throughout her entire school journey. Her commitment to excellence led to her induction into both the National Honor Society and the Beta Club, highlighting her dedication to scholarship and leadership. She's currently a junior at Westlake High School.

Beyond academics, Nyla has been actively involved in various organizations. She is a former member of Kwanza Sol and currently serves on the Horizon of Hope Youth Usher Board. Additionally, she is an engaged member of CDMC, further showcasing her commitment to community and service as a member of Big Bethel AME Church.

In her free time, she enjoys talking on the phone, Face Timing with friends, hanging out, and, of course, spending her family's money with style.

With a strong foundation in academics, extracurricular activities, and community service, Nyla continues to shine as a well-rounded and ambitious individual.

❤️👉 **Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers & calls.** 👈❤️

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Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday in Lent	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
March 23, 2025	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

Guest Preacher
**REVEREND DR.
JOHN FOSTER**



175TH CHURCH

Anniversary

**GREATER WORKS, GREATER WORSHIP,
GREATER WITNESS**

23 March 2025 | **2:00 PM**

**DINNER
AT
1:00 PM**



GREATER SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH
2990 BROAD ST, AUSTELL, GA 30106
REV. CARLA GAINES, PASTOR

Thrive
Rev. Jessica Buford,
Thrive Young Adult Ministry
Director

REMINDER



Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.,
Senior Pastor

Thrive
THE
MARCH 30th 10:00 AM
TAKEOVER
Thrive

**NEXT
SHIFT >**

**2 pm service will be postponed
until April 6th**

See you at 10 am March 30th!

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SAVE THE DATE

Quarterly CONFERENCE

In-Person

March 31, 2025

@ 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Come participate in the business of your church!



LET'S LIFT OUR VOICES AND SEND A MESSAGE!!

****OUR 1ST ACTION:****

**Date: February 28, 2025, from
12:00 AM to 11:59 PM**

Make sure to prepare in advance.

- **DO NOT** make any purchases or shop online or in-store: - No Amazon, No Walmart, No Best Buy - No Fast Food - No Gas - No Major Retailers -

- **DO NOT** use credit or debit cards for non-essential spending. Only necessary buy essentials (e.g., food, medicine, emergency supplies). - If you must spend, **ONLY** support small, local businesses.

Boycott

****OUR 2ND ACTION:****

Start Date: March 5th - End Date: April 19th

During this period, do not spend money with companies that have discontinued their diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. Please refer to the list (scan code) For the most current information (the list changes daily - see Facebook). Let's continue to advocate for policies that advance our community. Peace, Power, and Purpose,



PMS2025

Big Bethel AME Church
Edge-Cannon Lay Organization

Easter Lilies for Loved Ones

Help us decorate the sanctuary on
the 3rd and 4th Sundays in April by
purchasing Easter Lilies for \$25
in honor/memory of your loved ones.

contact: Joi Stinson, joistinson@gmail.com

Scan the QR code to place your order by March 30



BREAKING NEWS



BIG BETHEL CREDIT UNION
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community, you can become a
member of the credit union too.
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everything they do, Georgia United
goes above and beyond to provide
personalized financial service.

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Visit www.gucu.org to become a member.

The family of Dishan Harper would like to thank Dr. John Foster, pastor, Minister of Music, Jeremy Johnson and the entire Big Bethel AME Church family for allowing us to Celebrate the Life of our beloved Dishan at the church where he grew up. Your prayers, messages and many expressions of love and sympathy will never be forgotten. We love you. Danny, Terry, Terence, and Darius Harper



NORTH
ATLANTA
DISTRICT

Rev. Kimberly McMichael,
Presiding Elder

7 Stations of the Cross



MAR 9TH

STATION 1

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
(Matt. 26:36-46)

KING CHAPEL

Rev. Michael Walker-Pastor

2600 Davenport Street, Smyrna, GA 30080

Rev. Dr. Reginald Cleaver-Guest Preacher



MAR 16TH

STATION 2

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Death
(Matt. 27:24-26)

MARIETTA CHAPEL

Rev. Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton

312 Rigby Street NW | Marietta, GA 30060

Rev. Carla Gaines - Guest Preacher



MAR 23RD

STATION 3

Jesus Accepts the Cross
(Matthew 27:27-31)

BETHEL (Acworth)

Rev. Orna Husbands - Pastor

4826 School Street | Acworth, GA 30101

Rev. John Woods-Guest Preacher



MAR 30TH

STATION 4

Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross
(Mark 15:21)

ST. PAUL (Canton)

Rev. Ferrun Johnson-Pastor

390 Crisler St. | Canton, GA 30114

Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton - Guest Preacher



APR 6TH

STATION 5

Jesus Speaks to the Woman
(Luke 23:27-31)

GREATER SMITH CHAPEL (Atlanta)

Rev. Eric Fladger

183 Mayson Ave. | Atlanta, GA 30307

Rev. Renata Williams- Guest Preacher



APR 13TH

STATION 6

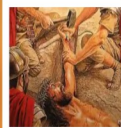
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
(John 19:23-24)

MT.ZION (Decatur)

Rev. Bridgette Hall Maynor-Pastor

2977 LaVista Rd. | Decatur, GA 30033

Rev. Ferrun Johnson - Guest Preacher



APR 17TH

STATION 7

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
(Mark 15:23-32)

WILKES CHAPEL

Rev. Eddie Henley

2293 Perry Blvd. NW | Atlanta, GA 31318

Rev. Bernard Sutton- Guest Preacher

SUNDAYS @ 4 PM ~ MAR 9TH - THUR. APR 17TH (7PM)